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C@LUMBUS, @HI@--STATE @FFICIALS HERE T@DAY STUDIED A L@UISIANA EXTRABITI@N REQUEST F@R G@RB@N N@VEL, KEY WITNESS IN THE NEW @RLEANS PR@BE INT@ PRESIBENT KENNEBY'S MURBER.

242A CST APR 19 67 S@URCES IN THE G@VERN@R'S @FFICE SAID A BECIS@ LEGAL STEPS MUST BE TAKEN WILL BE MABE NEXT WEEK.

"WE'LL PR@BABLY SPEND THE WEEKEND G@ING @VER L@UISIANA LAW," AN AIBE T@ G@V. JAMES A. RH@BES SAID.

ACTING L@UISIANA G@V. C.C. (TABBY) AYC@CK TUESBAY ASKED THAT THE 29-YEAR-@LB F@RMER NIGHT CLUB @WNER BE RETURNED T@ FACE A CHARGE @F CONSPIRACY T@ C@MMIT BURGLARY. THE CHARGE STEMS FR@M BISAPPEARANCE @F HAND GRENABES AND @THER MILITARY @RBINANCE FR@M A MUNITI@NS BUMP NEAR NEW @RLEANS IN 1961.

JERRY WEINER, C@LUMBUS ATT@RNEY F@R N@VEL, ALREADY HAS ASKED F@R A HEARING BEF@RE RH@BES. HE IS EXPECTED T@ MAKE AN @FFICIAL APPLICATI@N T@BAY.

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NOVEL HAS PROMISED TO FIGHT EXTRADITION THROUGH THE COURTS IF OHIO GRANTS THE LOUISIANA REQUEST.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTY. JIM GARRISON WANTS NOVEL AS A MATERIAL WITNESS IN THE KENNEDY PROBE, BUT CANNOT ASK FOR EXTRADITION ON THAT GROUND. GARRISON'S OFFICE WILL NOT SAY WHAT PART NOVEL PLAYS IN THE INVESTIGATION.

NOVEL REPEATEDLY HAS LABELED THE GARRISON PROBE A FRAUD AND CHARGES IT WAS LAUNCHED TO HELP THE PROSECUTOR'S POLITICAL CAREER. HE SAYS HE HASTAPE RECORDINGS TO PROVE IT.

NOVEL SAID THE EVIDENCE AGAINST THE GARRISON INVESTIGATION WAS GATHERED WHILE HE WAS CHIEF OF THE PROSECUTOR'S SECURITY SECTION.

HE OPERATES AN ELECTRONICS COMPANY IN NEW ORLEANS THAT MANUFACTURE "ANTI-BUGGING" EQUIPMENT AND HAS SOLD THE DEVICES TO GOV. JOHN J. MCKEITHEN'S ADMINISTRATION.

MEANWHILE, NOVEL IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE STATE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TODAY TO TESTIFY AS AN EXPERT WITNESS ON WIRETAPPING. TWO ANTI-WIRETAP BILLS SPONSORED BY SEN. RALPH REGULA (R-AKRON) ARE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

NOVEL WAS ARRESTED IN A COLUMBUS SUBURB APRIL 1 ON A FUGITIVE WARRANT FILED BY GARRISON. HE WAS RELEASED UNDER $10,000 BOND FOR HEARING MAY 3.

BESIDES THE BURGLARY COUNT, HE FACES CHARGES OF THEFT FILED BY COMMERCIAL ARTIST ALBERT BELLEVUE AND THE FRANKLIN PRINTING COMPANY.

WEINER SAID THE THEFT CHARGES INVOLVE OUTSTANDING DEBTS OWED A COMPANY THAT NOVEL HAS NO PART IN

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